



OLD GATE

SHIRAZ MCLAREN VALE 2016

Our Family Range reflects the progression of the Patritti business since its establishment in 1926. The single vineyard wines showcase our founder's understanding of the importance of terroir through the selection and subsequent purchase of these sites.

From the 1920s up until the late 1960s the entrance to Patritti was through a handmade iron gate, crafted by a good friend and gifted to the Patritti family. After purchasing land in McLaren Vale, Giovanni knew the newly planted vines needed protecting from feral animals. The gate was moved from its home in Dover Gardens to the Blewitt Springs property where it separated the young vineyard from the neighbouring scrub. Although not swinging life it used to, the old gate still remains.

VINEYARD

The fruit for this wine is sourced from selected rows in the family's own Blewitt Springs vineyard. Planted in 1960 the vineyard's free draining sandy soil, mild to warm climate and high elevation create a site perfectly suited to growing premium low yielding Shiraz grapevines.

VINTAGE

The season started mild with below average rainfall before well timed rain in January. Yields were above average across most varieties with reds from this vintage showing ideal fruit flavour, acid and tannin balance. 2016 is considered by many to be the best 'all-round' vintage for some time.

VINIFICATION

Selected blocks from the Blewitt Springs vineyard were selected for their balanced freshness, intense flavour profile and tannin ripeness. The fruit was hand picked then crushed into small static fermenters. The juice remained on skins for seven days to extract the right balance of colour, flavour and tannin. The ferment was then transferred into predominantly new American oak puncheons. After 18 months maturation the wine was bottled with minimal filtration.

TASTING COMMENTS

Dense, ink purple with a crimson hue, the nose is highly expressive with loads of blackberry, dark plum and toasty vanillin oak. The palate is densely packed with black fruits, licorice, dark chocolate and oak. Perfectly balanced with mouth gripping tannins, this wine is full in the mouth and long in the finish.



VARIETY: Shiraz

SKIN CONTACT: 7 days

OAK: Predominantly new American oak

BARREL MATURATION: 18 months

WINEMAKERS: James Mungall & Ben Heide

ALC/VOL: 14.5%

Titrateable Acid: 6.8 g/L

pH: 3.43

Residual Sugar: 2.2 g/L

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